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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An aqueous coating formulation containing solids, for enhancing image visualization and retention of reactive dye-based inks, consisting essentially of [[comprising]]:
 - a) a cationic homopolymer or copolymer,
 - b) a cationic or non-ionic fabric softener; and
 - c) urea, and
 - d) an ingredient selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate and combinations thereof.
2. (previously presented) The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein said cationic homopolymer or copolymer is present in an amount between about 5 and about 95 weight percent of the total solids.
3. (previously presented) The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein said fabric softener is present in an amount between about 5 and about 20 weight percent of the total solids.
4. (currently amended) The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 further consisting essentially of [[comprising]] a latex binder.
5. (previously presented) The aqueous coating formulation of claim 4 wherein said latex binder is present in an amount between about 0 and about 80 weight percent of the total solids.
6. (previously presented) The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein said ingredient is present in an amount between about 3 and 10 weight percent of the total solids.
7. (previously presented) The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein the urea is present in an amount between about 5 and 12 weight percent of the total solids.